

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re New Patent Application of )  
Ritsuko KAWASAKI et al. )  
Japanese Priority No. 2000-362036 & 2000-394977 ) Attn: Applications  
Japanese Priority Dates: 11/29/00 & 12/26/00 ) Branch  
For: LASER IRRADIATION METHOD AND )  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A )  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE ) Date: November 19, 2001



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
AND NOTIFICATION OF RELATED APPLICATIONS


Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, it is requested that the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application.

The attention of the Examiner is directed to related application Serial Nos. 09/635,422; 09/695,410 and 09/696,165. Copies of the specification and drawings are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Eric J. Robinson  
Registration No. 38,285

NIXON PEABODY LLP  
8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 800  
McLean, Virginia 22102  
(703) 790-9110

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b> <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				<b>Complete if Known</b> Application Number _____ Filing Date November 19, 2001 First Named Inventor Ritsuko KAWASAKI et al. Group Art Unit _____ Examiner Name _____ Attorney Docket Number 740756-2393			
Sheet	1	of	1				

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> <i>(if known)</i>			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Office <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> <i>(if known)</i>				

OTHER PRIOR ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>2</sup>
		Specification and drawings for related U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/635,422	
		Specification and drawings for related U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/695,410	
		Specification and drawings for related U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/696,165	

Examiner Signature	Date Considered	
--------------------	-----------------	--

<sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup> See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

<sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

**Burden Hour Statement:** This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO:** Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

NVA29571.1

